

# BLUES TAKE THIRD SPOT IN STYLE

BARKING 2 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 1

IN a great finish to their Isthmian League Season, Wycombe Wanderers made third position in the Premier Division their own on Saturday with a performance at Mayesbrook Park that ranked as one of the best all season.

On a surface as poor as any in the league, it was a game of two halves. Barking were two goals up at half-time, but Wycombe put it all together after the interval to score three times, and climb over Tooting and Mitcham in the table.

Barking, playing with three players as well as Terry Dibble in the No. 9 shirt, had Peter Spittle under early pressure and continued to dominate the first half.

Early Wanderers pressure was off-side, but with a long ball it was obvious that Dibble

was heading for a much grander, constantly winning ball in the second half.

On 15 minutes Barking went ahead in a 10-man team goal. Noel Aspinwall came on, Peter Burrows was neatly chipped through for Dibble to place a wide of Spittle from 12 yards.

Shortly after, the visitors' cross had Wycombe's defence in a tangle. The ball bounced around in the box until Dingwell got in a brilliant overhead kick with Spittle beaten. The ball was flashing in under the bar when Alan Phillips had little choice but to palm it over to give away an obvious penalty. Dingwell scored from the spot.

Barking did not sit by their lead. Burton, Dingwell and Athfield were always dangerous in attack and were well supported by Hinchliffe, Aspinwall, Burton. At the other end, Evans, Phillips, United, and the keeper, John Hartley, were equally dangerous. Wycombe were unable to break down the Barking defence.

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